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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES: BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

MEETING DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, February 9, 2010 at 1:00 p.m.

PLACE: 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware

Conference Room A, second floor of the Cannon Building

MINUTES APPROVED: March 9, 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT

Rachel Longfellow, LVT, President Craig Metzner, DVM, Vice-President Kimberly S. Vincent, Public Member Lena Corder, Public Member Courtney Manetti, VMD Roberta Jackson, VMD

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT

Eileen Heeney, Deputy Attorney General Gayle Melvin, Administrative Specialist III

MEMBER ABSENT

Lynn Nellius, LVT

ALSO PRESENT

Dr. Charles Schenck Dr. Kelley Collins Juli LaBadia, Court Reporter

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Longfellow called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m.

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REVIEW OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes of the January 12, 2010 meeting. Dr. Metzner made a motion, seconded by Ms. Corder to approve the minutes. The motion was unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Ratification of Applications for Veterinarian Licensure by Reciprocity

Ms. Longfellow made a motion, seconded by Ms. Vincent to ratify the following persons for veterinarian licensure by reciprocity:

Karen Brockman Whitney Miller

The motion was unanimously carried.

Review of Application for Veterinary Technician Licensure by Reciprocity

The Board reviewed the application of Kelley Collins for veterinarian licensure by reciprocity. Mr. Collins was present and spoke regarding his application. He was advised of the application process. Dr. Metzner made a motion, seconded by Ms. Vincent to propose to deny the application of Dr. Collins. The motion was unanimously carried.

Ratification of Application for Veterinary Technician Licensure by Examination

Ms. Vincent made a motion, seconded by Dr. Manetti to ratify the following person for veterinary technician licensure by examination:

Trista Reeder

The motion was unanimously carried.

Review of Applications for VTNE

Ms. Vincent made a motion, seconded by Dr. Manetti to approve the following persons to sit for the VTNE:

Laura Barba Shelley Burton Nancy Womack

The motion was unanimously carried.

Review of Continuing Education Requests

Ms. Longfellow made a motion, seconded by Dr. Metzner to approve the following continuing education:

Lisa Garrison – St. Petersburg College Veterinary Technology Capstone – 3 hours (pending receipt of course description) Companion Animal Diseases – 3 hours Board of Veterinary Medicine Minutes – February 9, 2010 Page 3

> Advanced Veterinary Behavior – 3 hours Introduction to Vet Tech Research – 3 hours Leadership in Vet Tech – 3 hours Understanding Human-Animal Bond – 3 hours

The motion was unanimously carried.

Dr. Metzner made a motion, seconded by Ms. Longfellow to amend the agenda to add review of the following continuing education request:

Carolyn Cassidy – Veterinary Medicine Publications

The motion was unanimously carried.

Dr. Metzner made a motion, seconded by Ms. Longfellow to approve the following continuing education request upon receipt of the certificate of completion if audited:

Carolyn Cassidy – Veterinary Medicine Publications Feline Infectious Peritonitis – 2 hours Idiopathic FLUTD – 2 hours Multiple Myeloma and Plasmacytomas – 2 hours Canine Exocrine Pancreatic Insufficiency – 2 hours

The motion was unanimously carried.

Status of Complaint

Complaint no. 28-01-10 was assigned to Dr. Metzner.

HEARING

<u>1:15 p.m. – Dr. Charles Schenck Regarding the Board's Proposal to Deny of His Application for Licensure as a Veterinarian</u>

Ms. Longfellow called the formal hearing to order at 1:38 a.m. At its meeting on November 10, 2009, the Board proposed to deny Dr. Schenck's application for a veterinarian license. First, Dr. Schenck did not disclose on his application that he had an administrative penalty in New Jersey. According to 24 *Delaware* Code § 3313(a)(6) and § 3316(a)(2), the use of fraud or material deception to acquire a license is grounds for denial of an application. Second, Dr. Schenck did receive an administrative penalty related to the practice of veterinary medicine in New Jersey. Section 3313(b) provides as follows: In the event the applicant shall have been the recipient of any administrative penalties regarding the applicant's practice of veterinary medicine, including but not limited to fines, formal reprimands, license suspension or revocation (except for license revocations for nonpayment of license renewal fees), probationary limitation, and/or has entered into any "consent agreements" which contain conditions placed by a Board on that applicant's professional conduct and practice, including any voluntary surrender of a license, the applicant shall furnish all information regarding such penalties and/or agreements to the Board. The Board may, after a hearing, determine that such administrative penalty is grounds to deny licensure.

Present for the hearing was Dr. Schenck. He was sworn in by the court reporter and verbatim testimony was recorded by the court reporter.

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At 1:56 p.m., the Board went off the record for deliberations. The Board went back on the record at 2:02 p.m. Ms. Longfellow made a motion, seconded by Dr. Jackson, to approve Dr. Schenck's application for licensure as a veterinarian. The motion was unanimously carried. The hearing concluded at 2:03 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Proposed Revisions to Rule and Regulation 2.1.11

The Public Hearing has been scheduled for the March 9, 2010 meeting.

<u>Discussion:</u> Administration of Rabies Vaccinations and Review of Code and Euthanasia by SPCA Staff

Dr. Metzner reported that he did not bring a copy of the email that he had drafted to the state veterinarian at the Department of Agriculture and to the Executive Director at the DVMA inviting them to attend the next Board meeting to discuss concerns with rabies vaccinations and euthanasia. The Board delegated the authority to Dr. Metzner to send the draft email to Ms. Heeney for review before he sends it. He will also provide Ms. Melvin with a copy.

OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD (FOR DISCUSION ONLY)

There was no other business before the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 9, 2010 at 1:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Ms. Longfellow made a motion, seconded by Dr. Metzner to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously carried. The meeting adjourned at 2:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gayle L. Melvin

Administrative Specialist III